(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to check these activities;

(c) whether Government have held talks with these groups; and

(d) if so, the details and results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) It cannot be said that there has been any spurt in militant activities in the NE States.

The steps taken by the Government to check militancy in the North Eastern States include, interalia, deployment of additional units of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence; modernisation/upgradation of State Police forces; sanction of Special Central Assistance; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as 'disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'unlawful associations'. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to hold talks with the Issac Muivah group of National Socialist Council of Nagaland which responded to the offer for talks made by the Government.

Talks with this group are continuing.

Strike by DGHC

2329. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the chairman of DGHC and the Executive Councillors called for 72 hours strike during 12th Lok Sabha elections on 2nd February, 1998;

(b) whether Government are also aware that armed threats to voters continued for days since 17th February, 1998 at Darjeeling to disrupt the election;

(c) whether the returning officer of Darjeeling did not take any steps to ensure securities of electorates; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government against such anti-national activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The Government is aware that Gorkha National Liberation Front had called for a 72-hour Darjeeling bandh from 20th to 22nd February, 1998 and appealed to the people to boycott Parliamentary Election in the Darjeeling Parliamentary Constituency.

(b) and (c) Reports available indicate that persons drafted for polling duties were reportedly intimidated and threats were also held out to them in case they performed the election duty. State Government had taken appropriate steps to ensure smooth polling by deploying Central Para-military Forces in addition to the State Police Force, deployed in connection with the polling.

(d) Central Government is keeping a close watch over such activities, in consultation with the State Government.

Shifting of Assam Rifle's Site

2330. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the time frame to complete the construction of Assam Rifle's new site at Longa Koireng, Imphal and to shift from the existing place, Kangla, Imphal.

(b) the amount so far, released by Government for its construction; and

(c) the balance amount to be released to complete it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The process of shifting of Assam Rifles from Kangla Fort has already begun. An extent of 36.81 acres has already been handed over to the State Government by Assam Rifles. This process is estimated

to be completed during the next two years. The completion of construction activities at the new site for Assam Rifles may take 2-3 years more.

(b) and (c) Rs. 27 lakhs has been released for the construction of boundary wall at Kaithalmanbi. The total cost for the construction of the alterntive accommodation is estimated at Rs. 46.94 crores.

जम्मू और कश्मीर में अर्ध-सैनिक बलों द्वारा भूमि का अधिग्रहण

2331. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जम्मू और कश्मीर के निवासियों की भूमि के कुछ भाग पर जम्मू और कश्मीर में तैनात अर्ध-सैनिक बलों ने कब्जा कर लिया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने घाटी के लोगों को उनकी भूमि वापस दिलाने के लिए कोई कदम उठाए हैं और क्या सरकार ने उन्हें मौजूदा बाजार दर पर मुआवजा दिया है; और

(ग) विस्थापितों को उनके गृह वापस दिलाने और उन्हें रोजगार के अवसर उपलब्ध कराने के संबंध में सरकारी नीति क्या है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकार ने उन अर्ध-सैनिक बलों को भूमि उपलब्ध कराती है जो आन्तरिक ड्यूटी पर तैनात होते हैं। इस प्रयोजनार्थ भूमि अर्जित की जाती है अथवा भाड़े पर ली जाती है/अधिग्रहित की जाती है जिसके लिए राज्य सरकार द्वारा मुआवजे/भाड़े का भुगतान किया जाता है।

(ग) प्रवासियों की सुरक्षित और सम्मानपूर्वक घाटी में उनके मूल स्थानों को वापसी हेतु राज्य सरकार एक कार्य योजना तैयार कर रही है।

इस संपूर्ण मुद्दे की जांच करने और उस पर अपनी सिफारिशें देने हेतु राज्य सरकार ने राज्य मंत्रिमंडल के आदेशों के अधीन मंत्रियों की एक उप-समिति गठित की है जिसमें राजस्व, विधि, वित्त और पर्यटन मंत्री शामिल है।

Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Children

2332. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Indian Express, dated the 5th June, 1998, regarding the struggle for survival by hundreds of children whose parents were killed in violence in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction with regard thereto stating the precise steps taken by Government to ensure proper rehabilitation of these children?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rehabilitation of such children is the primary responsibility of the State Government. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have set up a Council in 1995 for rehabilitation of widows and orphans as a result of militancy. The Council provides assistance for psychological and economic rehabilitation of the victims. The welfare schemes of the Council includes provision of maintenance allowance to school going children. The Council presently has a corpus fund of Rs. 6.78 crores, which includes Rs. 1 crore from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund and Rs. 4 crores from Government of India.

Atrocities on SCs/STs etc.

2333. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of atrocities committed on SCs/STs Men/Women during the last three years in the country, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) the number of persons arrested and punished who committed such crimes;

(c) the number of cases filed in the court, State-wise/District-wise; and